

## Remarks

Applicants submit that the nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection with respect to Serial No. 10/490,998 was moot at the time the Office Action was mailed, as that application is shown as abandoned in PAIR as of June 15<sup>th</sup>.

As to the only other remaining rejection, Applicants hope to have rendered the nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection with respect to Serial No. 10/537,199 moot by amendment to claim 1 (supported, *inter alia*, at page 1, line 15-16; page 4, line 25; and page 14, lines 3-4). New independent claim 11, incorporates previous claim 1 into a method of well-drilling.

The Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned to discuss an Examiner's Amendment if these changes do not put the case in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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